

Minutes of a meeting of Cartmel Fell Parish Council held at Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present were Councillors Alan Telford (Chairman), Mike Smith, Helen Smith, Chris Cannon and Marian Smith, County Councillor Bill Wearing and District Councillor John Holmes. Apologies for absence were accepted from Kevin Price Clerk to the PC and one member of the public.

19/1 Public participation: None

19/2 Requests for Dispensations: None

19/3 Declarations of Interest: None

There were no Declarations of Interest made in respect of any matter on the agenda.

19/4 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th November 2018, having been circulated were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/5 Financial Business

a. It was resolved to pay the following accounts.

Crosthwaite PCC

	£13.00	Parish Magazine subscription
HMRC	£155.20	HMRC
Triarom Ltd	£84.99	Website software provision
K M Price	£96.84	Quarterly expenses to 31 st December, (use of home office and travel)

b. The cash and budget statements were noted.

- c. An application for funding from the Great North Air Ambulance was considered. A donation of £100.00 was agreed. A donation of £100.00 would also be given to The Great North West Air Ambulance Charity.
- d. An application from Cartmel Fell Community Trust for funding towards the provision of safe and secure water supplies at the Parish Hall was considered. A donation of £500.00 was agreed.
- e. The Budget Report was considered and the Precept set to be made upon SLDC for the financial year 2019-20. (attached)

6. Reports

- a. Police – a written report from Police Community Support Officer Jonny Gios was read out. It identified that 4 calls for service within the parish had been received during November to January. These included one for theft, one for concern for welfare and two road traffic collisions. Residents are reminded that suspected email scams can be reported to the police via telephone, email and social media see website for details: www.cumbria.police.uk (Report attached)
- b. County Councillor – Councillor Wearing informed us of a visit he had made to the North West Fire Control Centre at Warrington. This is a purpose built facility for the fire and rescue service. It now deals with all emergency fire calls from Cumbria and is also used by other main authorities in the North West including Greater Manchester, Cheshire and Lancashire. It is a fully manned twenty four hours and provides an efficient, modern and cost effective service.

Two email scams of concern are, TV licence renewal and one from HMRC. Residents are urged not to respond to such emails particularly if they ask you to give personal details.

Council Tax for the next financial year is likely to be raised by 3.9%.

- c. District Councillor – Councillor John Holmes gave his report for SLDC matters. See attached document

19/7 Planning Matters

a. The following new applications were considered:

7/2018/5718 Hollinfield, Newby Bridge Road. Replacement dwelling.

Council has nothing additional to add to its previous comments made on this application. Council still believe the proposed property is substantially larger than the existing building and therefore would be an over development of the site and would dominate nearby properties. The proposed chimney stacks are incompatible with the design of existing buildings nearby.

7/2018/5722 No objections

7/2018/5818 No objections

7/2019/5003 Ghyll Crag, Newby Bridge Road. Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of replacement dwelling.

Council unanimously rejects this application.

The plans appear to show a five storey dwelling as stacked offset box/container/lego like apartments substantially in excess of the size of the current property. The height would occupy a large section of the descent down to the lake shore and would clearly over dominate neighbouring properties. The size of the structure would obscure views of the lake from the road. Views of the eastern lake shore are increasingly diminishing and thus detract from the visitor experience to the area.

The very modern 'grand design' of the proposed plan would result in a building that would be an eyesore when viewed from the lake and is totally at odds with the existing style of the surrounding architecture which is integral to the culture and heritage of the Lake District World Heritage National Park.

The angular and abrupt lines with no curvature would stand out and not blend in with its surroundings. The proposed cedar cladding is not in keeping with locally used building materials.

Council has concerns that this might become another luxury commercial holiday property rather than replacing the existing residential status.

7/20185643 Land adjacent to Louper Weir, Newby Bridge Road. Proposed boathouse and replacement timber jetty.

Council's comments are that they feel that unfortunately a precedent has been set by the neighbouring boat houses, however, as previously stated, it remains concerned that this is part of an increasing overdevelopment of the lake shore with boat houses in effect becoming residential properties. The National Park Authority is allowing more urbanisation of the eastern shore of Windermere with detriment to the ecology of the lake, loss of green land and wildlife habitats and an erosion of the culture and heritage of the area.

The proposed plan is oversized in comparison to traditional Lake District boathouses.

It is for these reasons that Council objects to this application.

7/2018/5783 No objections

b. Council noted the following decisions notified to it by the Planning Authority

7/2018/5200, 7/2107/5773 , 7/2018/5599, 7/2018/5556 – all granted

c. Council noted the following appeal:

7/2018/5293 Calm Waters, Newby Bridge Road. Extensions to boathouse

Council commented that there appears to be a lack of consistency with decisions on boat house plans.

19/8 Correspondence

Deferred to next meeting (absence of clerk)

19/9 Facilities at Tower Wood – Councillor Cannon has liaised with Tower Wood staff and they are happy to allow us to use the screen projector. The PC laptop is able to connect to this. This will enable plans to be more effectively viewed by all present.

19/10 Closure of A592 – The first two weeks have been reported as quiet with a high volume of traffic appearing to use Gummer's Howe/Fell Foot Brow. However, there is now an increase of traffic using the Birks Road to Ghyll Head route. Heavy good vehicles have been observed by Councillor Cannon to be using it and this is against the directions from Highways and United Utilities not to do so. The increasing destruction of the road surfaces of the roads concerned places motorists and cyclists at risk. Council has previously requested that while the section of the A592 is closed that the overhanging trees and overgrowth of shrubs and trees on the verges and banking are cleared. Also that litter, excess leaf build up and drains are cleared. Councillor Wearing will highlight these issues again when he meets with the Highways Agency next week.

19/11 Parish Lengthsman – Councillor Mike Smith reported that the council road sweeper has recently been working on the Parish roads.

19/12 Date and place of next meeting - Provisional date of Thursday 21st March, at the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell

Suggested item for agenda – Defibrillator for Parish Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

